

Empat Empat

Life After Life

A Life after life
b we're back again
a despite the strife
b we still remain.

c We like this world.
A Life after life
c joy is unfurled
a though pain is rife.

a Seek man or wife
d some connections
A life after life
d some selections.

e Light a lantern.
a Use pen or knife.
e Find a pattern
A life after life.

Empat Empat (4 by 4)

1. Malay form. Used in songs.
2. 4 empat lines comprised of two couplets pairs alternating or envelope.
3. 4 empat stanzas This example used four syllable lines to add to fours.
4. One line steps down from first line on each stanza.
5. Possible rhyme scheme: A is repeat line.
A-b-a-b c-A-c-a a-d-A-d e-a-e-A
6. In modern music only the repeating line pattern remains. It does not rhyme.
7. Another pattern is A-a-b-b a-A-c-c etc. or A-b-b-a c-A-a-c etc.